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# Saginaw Law Enforcement Takes Easy Way Out



"I Believe In Calling A Spade A Spade".

## Parking Tickets No. 1 Priority

For the last few days, the office of the Valley Star News has been under the constant surveillance of police patrol cars. Finally, at 3:45 p.m. last Tuesday, after six months of conniving to deliver parking violation warrants by mail (with the taxpayers' money), the police found your editor was not co-operating with their harassment, and got up their courage to make their little arrest in person at the Valley Star office.

As our readers are aware, Saginaw County law enforcement agencies have refrained from any attempt to prosecute real criminals; they now seem to think the easiest way to make lots of arrests is to chase down honest, tax-paying citizens.

For example, when an innocent downtown shopper finds himself delayed by his errands, he might return to his car to find a metermaid happily in the middle of writing a parking ticket and say, "I'm sorry, I can't stop now, you know."

At the same time, when a hard-core, well-known breaking and entering artist is found inside a building, arms full of merchandise, no warrant is issued because the fellow's constitutional rights were violated and he didn't get "equal protection under the law."

Saginaw County has on record more than 200 unsolved hard-core criminal offenses. Ninety-nine percent of these criminals are walking your streets and committing their crimes over and over. Why? Because arrest warrants for felonies and misdemeanors are running a disgusting three percent of the total crimes committed.

Now we ask you, fellow citizens, who is it that's being protected? When are we

going to question this double standard, the handle-with-care standard for real criminals compared with the brass-knuckles approach used on the guy who gets a parking ticket.

On Tuesday, after waiting in traffic court for nearly an hour, with two eager-beaver officers looking like they'd just captured Machinegun Kelly, and a bailiff pacing the floor like a Las Vegas nightclub bouncer, we finally saw His Honor, the judge. He asked no questions about the tickets, the car, the owner, the driver, or the circumstances. He rattled off his list and growled, "guilty or not guilty."

For several reasons, we firmly announced we were not guilty, and His Honor replied by setting a \$500 bond and swinging his chair around so as not to look our way.

We posted bond then and there and walked out. After getting some fresh air and sunshine, and running into a few reasonably sane people, we began to think over this idea of equal justice under the law.

The following true example came to mind, unforgettable in every detail.

After one of the seven breaking-and-enterings that happened at your editor's own home during 1970 and 1971, which resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars worth of personal possessions, the detective on the case visited the most likely suspect and left his card, asking this notorious character to call him back. Surprisingly enough, the suspect actually called him and said (as reported by the detective), "All I have left is a .22 rifle, and you can come

## Catholic Women Invited To 'Speak Up Day'

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all Catholic women of every parish in the Saginaw Diocese to attend a "Parish Women Speak Up Day", Thursday, April 27, 1972 at St. Christopher Parish, Bridgeport, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of the "Speak Up" day is to provide an opportunity for the women of each parish to explain what they are doing for their parish and community. They are also encouraged to bring their questions, problems, suggestions and ideas.

The Diocesan Council feels that a joint effort to share experiences and problems will be beneficial to all affiliated organizations in the diocese. In the years since Vatican II, the role of women

in the Church has been widening gradually. "Speak Up Day" will make it possible

### Art Sale At

### St. Stephen's Church

Art Sale at St. Stephen's Church, April 15, 1972, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some of their best exhibits who are also drawing cards are:

Steel sculptor, Louie Torrez; Oils, Ann Bell Seymore and Helen Whitehead; Water colors, Pam Martlin; Acrylic, Marge Hersinberger and Kay Stoner; Charcoal portraits by AMY.

Also at 9 a.m. there is a rummage sale. At 6 p.m. a country auction, lunches are served. Many other top area artists are exhibiting.

for the women in the diocese to literally 'fashion their own future' by exploring the needs of the parishes that women can meet.

A diversified day has been planned, starting with a celebrated Mass with Bishop Francis Reh as the main celebrant. In the general business meeting which will follow, conducted by the Diocesan President, Mrs. Edward King, information and plans for the coming year will be discussed.

At the buffet luncheon to be served at noon, a prominent businessman of the Tri-City area, B. J. Meter, group store manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co., will speak on the subject of "Motivation."

The afternoon will be devoted to the "Speak Up" sessions with Mrs. Francis

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Miss Connie Ward

### Secretary Of The Week

by Judy Colvin

This week Valley Star salutes as its "Secretary of the Week," Miss Connie Ward, secretary-deputy register-notary public of the Juvenile Court department in the Multi-Purpose Center located at 1407 Janes Street serving Saginaw's Model Neighborhood residents.

Miss Ward prepares all petitions for investigation, summons, writs and other necessary legal papers that are required by Juvenile Court. She groups case work reports of the seven probation officers in her department which are prepared for the judge. Normal office functions are the usual, answering of the telephone, filing, dictaphone, operations, assisting workers in paper work and, of course, making coffee.

After five, Miss Ward still finds time to be a board director of Legal Aid Society of Greater Flint, and Saginaw Chapter, co-chairman of Social Services Committee, a co-ordinator of sewing club, and also singer in Saginaw Community Chorus which is under direction of Leonard Porterfield.

Would you believe she has three children, Felton, Tamora, and Corey who have their own outside clubs and activities in which they attend also.

Connie was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of Saginaw High School and has attended Delta and Saginaw Valley Colleges.

Right On.

### At The Zion Baptist Church

Sunday, April 16, 1972, the Mysterious Spiritual Singers will be observing its 4th Anniversary at the Zion Baptist Church, 721 Johnson, 3:30 p.m., Saginaw, Michigan.

### EASY WAY OUT

Continued From Pg. 1 and pick it up."

The detective then went to the address the suspect gave, and our stolen .22 rifle was hand-delivered to his car. Not only that, but the suspect even told the detective where he had dropped off the rest of what was stolen and who else was involved. No arrest was ever made, but the detective kept our .22 rifle as "evidence", anyway!

Compare this story with the parking ticket arrest of a citizen who's taxes have

helped pay for the street and the parking meter, as well as the salaries of the meter-maid, the policeman, and the judge. Prosecuted for a parking ticket, and with his own money, too.

If we're only going to arrest the guy who "comes along quietly", we're going to have

an awful lot of nice people sitting in jail. And an awful lot of two-bit hoods laughing their heads off as they break down our doors.

Think about it. And we'll let you know how this law enforcement "Laugh-In" turns out.

Your Editor

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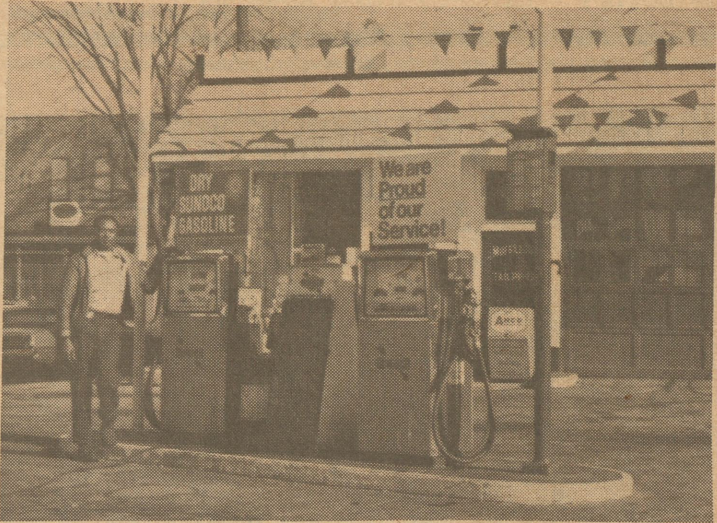
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Ann Bryant

## Frontiers International Set Pace

By Ann Bryant

On Saturday, April 8, the Frontier International gave its first annual Masquerade Ball. The scene was at Local 699 on Bagley. From 10 p.m. until after 2 a.m., beautiful people enjoyed outstanding musical arrangements of the incredible Reggie Roberts Trio.

To help create the mood of mystery, the Frontiersmen

provided rainbow hued masks for their guests. Whether your preference was gold, blue, red, or black, or just a coy "cat", you had but to choose from the supply of masks available in the vestibule.

Guests were served the entire evening by their gracious hosts, the Frontiers. Both the members and their lovely wives proved to be congenial.

Creative costumes were worn by many — Anthony and Cleopatra, a "convict" and a Bunny Girl decided to come. The Bunny Girl won the twenty dollar costume prize. The door prize was just that, an attractive door complete with hinges with tri-glass openings that was donated by Joe Davis, of Davis Remodeling Co. Nathaniel Taylor was the happy recipient.

I am told that the purpose of this gala affair, other than sheer enjoyment, was:

1) to raise money to finance community service projects.

2) to re-establish firmly the Frontiers Club in the black community. The officers are: president, Franklin Gary; vice-president, Timothy Foster; secretary, Robert Viera; assistant secretary, Father Joseph Weathersby; treasurer, John Kemper; financial secretary, John Nichols.

The Frontiers anticipate your presence next time.

## Registration For Saint Joseph Elementary

Saint Joseph Elementary grades 1 through 5 registration will be taken this week of April 17 until the 21st, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

There is a \$5.00 book fee per family. Tuition will be \$150.00 each for the first two children — no charge for additional children.

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**EXAMINATION:** Oral and written depending on experience of applicants.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Apply Personnel Office, Room 104, Saginaw City hall by April 7, 1972.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Personnel Department, City Hall, Saginaw, Michigan, Room 104.

# 71 Students To Participate

On Student Day the students report to their respective "offices" at 9:00 a.m., attend a regular City Council meeting at 11:00 a.m., are guests of American Legion Post No. 22 for luncheon at the Post home, 2200 South Niagara Street, attend a special program at the Civic Center Assembly Hall, and complete their day at 4:00 p.m. The City Council is meeting at 11:00 a.m. that day instead of 7:30 so that the students may attend a regular Council meeting.

Truman W. Verbeck is serving as chairman of the program for Post 22.

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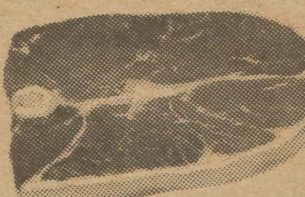
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